



## **PREFACE TO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> HALON OPTIONS TECHNICAL WORKING CONFERENCE**

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It is with great pleasure that we publish the Proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> Halon Options Technical Working Conference. As recently as seven months ago, it was not clear that the meeting would happen. After its founding by Dr. Robert Tapscott of the New Mexico Engineering Research Institute and its capable stewardship by Bob and Dr. Douglas Mather, and after the Conference had emerged as the prime venue for technical and programmatic interchange in this field, it appeared that organizational issues within the Institute might lead to its termination. Fortunately, this meeting was deemed important to the Department of Defense's Next Generation Fire Suppression Technology Program, and a rapid resurgence took place. Potential attendees and authors were contacted via an extensive e-mail network. Gamboa International Corp. assumed responsibility for the Conference arrangements. The result was a meeting that matched its predecessors in content and attendance.

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